

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claim:

--10. An apparatus for maintaining control of power in a spread-spectrum system, comprising:

B2 a subscriber unit (SU) for sending to a base station (BS), using spread-spectrum modulation, a SU-spreading code on a status channel;

said BS for detecting the SU-spreading code from the SU, and for sending to the SU, using spread-spectrum modulation, in response to detecting the SU-spreading code, a BS-spreading code on a checkup channel; and

said SU, for detecting the BS-spreading code on the checkup channel, and in response to not detecting the BS-spreading code, for increasing transmit power of the SU.--

**REMARKS**

By this Second Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have corrected the listing under the Cross-Reference to Related Application of applications and patents from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to be consistent with the signed Declarations. Marked-up copies of the amended/added paragraphs are attached hereto. Applicants also have added new claim 10.